



---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Monday, January 28, 2008

***KIM TO JOIN GOVERNOR'S STAFF AS GENERAL COUNSEL***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced that Leezie Kim will join the Governor's staff as general counsel. Kim replaces Tim Nelson, who will depart to explore a possible run for Maricopa County Attorney.

Kim, who is currently a partner at Quarles & Brady, LLP, is listed as one of The Best Lawyers in America 2007. She has legal experience in diverse areas like health care, mergers and acquisitions, securities law and general corporate counseling. She has also represented clients of all sizes, from entrepreneurs to Fortune 100 companies. Kim was recently recognized as one of five "legal Stars" by Arizona Woman Magazine (2006). She regularly lectures on professional ethics issues in the corporate and transactional practices.

This new assignment for Kim also marks a return to state service. In 2003, she took a sabbatical from her job at Quarles & Brady to spend a year as executive director of the Citizens Finance Review Commission, a group of business and community leaders charged with studying and recommending change to the state's tax policies.

Kim has a wide range of community involvement interests. She serves on the Board of Directors for Fresh Start Women's Foundation, and the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. She is a past president of the Phoenix Library Foundation, and continues that work now as a member of the Board. She also serves on the Governor's Asian American Advisory Council.

Leezie Kim has a bachelor's degree in Economics from Rice University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Virginia. She graduated from Saguaro High School in Scottsdale. Kim takes over as the Governor's general counsel on February 11.

For more information about the Office of the Governor, please visit [www.azgovernor.gov](http://www.azgovernor.gov).